

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-42 (Canceled).

Claims 43-53 (Withdrawn).

Claims 54-55 (Canceled).

Claim 56 (Previously Presented): The computer implemented system of claim 65, wherein:

said computer program module searches a desired grouping of inventions having at least one common feature prior to selecting said at least one invention.

Claim 57 (Currently Amended): The computer implemented system according to claim 56, wherein:

[[s]] said at least one common feature is one of a Standard Industrial Classification code and a North American Industry Classification System code.

Claims 58-59 (Canceled).

Claim 60 (Previously Presented): The computer implemented system according to claim 65, wherein:

said at least one data base further includes at least one confidential information description of said inventions, respectively.

Claim 61 (Previously Presented): The computer implemented system according to claim 60, including:

a computer program module operable to provide said one confidential information description to be viewable only by selected ones of said industry stations.

Claims 62-64 (Canceled).

Claim 65 (Currently Amended): A computer implemented system promoting existing inventions over the Internet communications network, the system comprising:

a host computer station constituting an Internet domain site connected to said network and having a data base with stored descriptions of respective inventions and their distinctive features;

plural consumer computer stations operatively and interactively connected over the network with said host computer;

a computer program module selecting at least one of said inventions by reference to the stored invention descriptions and distinctive features for viewing at said plural consumer computer stations and thereafter providing feedback data relating to ~~the a~~ consumer desirability of the selected inventions[[:]], wherein said computer program module ~~including~~ includes a survey module eliciting said feedback data from multiple users of the consumer computer stations by posing one or more questions to said users regarding said consumer desirability and consolidating their responses;

a computer program module forwarding said consolidated responses to said host computer station to provide an information summary of the consumer desirability for the respective selected inventions;

plural industry computer stations operatively and interactively connected over the network with said host computer and specifically identified by said host computer as authorized to access said information summary; and

a computer program module transferring said information summary to said authorized industry computer stations.

Claim 66 (Currently Amended): A computer implemented system for obtaining informed consumer opinions over a communications network regarding the commercial attractiveness of existing customer ~~innovations~~ inventions, comprising:

a host computer station connected to said network and having a data base storing identification of customers and descriptions of respective ~~innovations~~ inventions of said customers, including distinctive features of said ~~innovations~~ inventions;

plural customer computer stations operatively and interactively connected over the network with said host computer station, the users of said customer computer stations being customers who own respective proprietary interests in said ~~innovations~~ inventions;

plural consumer computer stations operatively and interactively connected over the network with said host computer station, the users of said consumer computer stations being consumers who constitute potential purchasers of products incorporating said ~~innovations~~ inventions;

a first computer program module enabling each of said customers to transmit their respective customer identifications and descriptions of their ~~innovations~~ inventions, including the distinctive features of said ~~innovations~~ inventions, to said data base[.];

a second computer program module (i) enabling access by said consumers at said plural consumer computer stations to said ~~innovations~~ inventions by reference to the stored invention description, (ii) thereafter providing feedback data relating to ~~the~~ a commercial attractiveness of the selected ~~innovations~~ inventions, said second computer program module including a survey module eliciting said feedback data from multiple ones of the consumer computer stations by posing one or more questions and responding to ~~the~~ answers thereto constituting such feedback

data, and (iii) thereafter consolidating said answers to provide respective information summaries regarding the commercial attractiveness of the selected ~~innovations~~ inventions; and

a third computer program module forwarding said information summaries to said host computer station for storage in a data base.

Claim 67 (Currently Amended): The computer implemented system of Claim 66, further comprising plural industry computer stations operatively and interactively connected over the network with said host computer station, the users of said industry computer stations involved with commercial transactions regarding said ~~innovations~~ inventions, selective ones of said industry computer stations specifically identified by said host computer as authorized to access said information summaries, and a fourth computer program module transferring said information summaries to said industry computer stations.

Claim 68 (Currently Amended): The computer implemented system of Claim 66 in which said first computer program module additionally enables the storage in said data base of information pertaining to the legal protection status of said ~~innovations~~ inventions.

Claim 69 (Currently Amended): A computer implemented system promoting existing inventions over the Internet communications network, the system comprising:

a host computer station connected to said network and having a data base with stored invention information, including confidential invention information and non-confidential invention information;

at least one industry computer station operatively connected over the network with said host computer;

a computer program enrollment module enrolling an industry representative user of said industry computer station as an industry representative wishing to access the confidential

invention information, wherein said enrollment module conditions such access upon the industry representative executing a confidentiality agreement regarding the confidential invention information; and

a computer program invention disclosure module selectively granting the industry representative user access to said confidential invention information upon execution by the industry representative user of the ~~said~~ confidentiality agreement.